

## TWO PECULIAR SUITS

ELECTION BET BETWEEN H. W. MILLER AND W. A. MICHAELS.

Occupant of a Building Sues for \$10,000 Damages Because the Fire Escape Was Not Long Enough.

Two peculiar suits are on the circuit court docket.

An election bet of \$500 has been the bone of contention between two men in the circuit court ever since McKinley beat Bryan for the presidency. After a varied career the suit has finally been set for trial before Judge Glover.

October 31, 1896, Harry W. Miller bet W. A. Michaels \$500 that Bryan would be elected. He deposited the money with D. V. Rieger, president of the Missouri National bank. When McKinley was elected, Mr. Rieger turned the money over to Mr. Michaels.

Now Harry Miller claims that the bet is forfeited by Mr. Michaels because he failed to deposit his \$1,000 with Mr. Rieger. He accordingly asks that Mr. Rieger be compelled to repay him the amount of his bet.

Another Peculiar Suit.

Samuel Calvert, a printer, has brought suit for \$10,000 damages against Kansas City and Nathaniel D. Thayer, the owner of the Diamond building at the Junction. A fire started in that building December 12, 1896. Calvert, who was one of its occupants, tried to reach the street by means of the fire escape, an iron ladder on the main street side of the building. He climbed down to the bottom of the ladder and found that he was still many feet above the street. He swung down by his hands and dropped to the sidewalk. The fall sprained his ankles so that he has been a cripple ever since.

He alleges in the petition that the distance from the top of the fire escape to the street was more than fourteen feet, the distance prescribed by ordinance. He also claims that the sidewalk was in such a condition that it contributed to his injury.

ALDRICH IS DISCHARGED.

The Embezzling Cashier of the Kansas City, Fort Scott &amp; Memphis Railway Wins Out.

James H. Aldrich is no longer haunted by the fear that justice will again win him into the penitentiary. Yesterday, in the criminal court, Judge Wofford pronounced him a free man and bade him go whither he listed without fear of legal process or of the mailed hand of an arresting officer.

Aldrich was recently released from the penitentiary, where he served two years for embezzlement. Three indictments were found against him and the first he pleaded guilty and was sentenced. When released from the penitentiary he was re-arrested and gave bonds for his appearance in the criminal court when wanted to face the remaining indictments. He was charged with embezzling \$2,000 while acting as cashier of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railway, and his default was due to the rapid social pace his family led him into.

Yesterday he appeared before the bar of the criminal court, sat in appearance with a small crowd of men on his hands, some of whom were his friends, and moved that the indictments be quashed and that an order discharging him be made. He based his motion on the fact that there had been four terms of the court held since the indictments had been filed and that, under the law, the indictments were annulled.

CITY MUST PAY UP.

Judge Glover Decides in Favor of Police Men Dropped by Commissioners Fyke and Johnson.

Judge Glover, at Independence, yesterday handed down a decision in the mandamus proceedings brought against Kansas City for back salaries due discharged policemen. Motions in arrest of judgment and for new trials were at once filed by City Counselor Middleton. The cases are now in the court of appeals. The judgments in favor of the plaintiffs against the city amount to about \$10,000, and vary from \$25 to \$125 each.

The litigation between the city and the discharged policemen dates from a meeting of the police board held August 22, 1896. At that meeting Police Commissioners Johnson and Fyke decided to rehire and make a whole new set of policemen. It was alleged at the time that the wholesale discharge of the police was based on political reasons and no charges were filed against the patrolmen. The policemen claimed that they were commissioned for two and one-half years, and that they should be allowed to draw pay unless removed for cause for the entire time of their commissions. Some of the cases were first tried in Judge Gates' court, with the city appealing the judgments and judgments for the full amount were entered. The cases were appealed to the court of appeals and there, too, decisions favorable to the plaintiffs were made.

FOR ALLEGED BLACKLISTING.

Brown Bros. Sue Jacob Doid Packing Co. for \$1,000 Damages—Trouble Over a Bill.

A blacklisting suit has been brought in the circuit court. Charles A. and William H. Brown, who do business at 1330 Independence avenue, under the firm name of Brown Bros., have sued the Jacob Doid Packing Company for \$1,000 damages for alleged blacklisting. It is claimed in the petition that a bill for \$255 was sent to Brown Bros. by the Doid Packing Company. The bill was for meat bought at wholesale. The clerk was instructed to pay the bill whenever Doid's collector should call on the firm. The collector came and presented a corrected bill for \$1208. Both the firm and the collector refused to pay the bill. Doid & Co. at once, so the petition alleges, called on all the other packing houses in the city and had them put Brown Bros. on the blacklist as defaulters. Since then the firm has not been able to get any more orders. The delay about the bill, Brown Bros. say, was due to a mistake.

MUST RESTORE TRAINS.

Judge Glover Decides the Case of Independence Against the Air Line Company.

A decision of importance was made yesterday in the circuit court at Independence by Judge Glover. In the quo warranto proceedings of the city of Independence against the Kansas City & Independence Air line, Judge Glover, who has had the case under advisement for several weeks, decided that the railroad must restore the passenger trains plying between Independence and Kansas City as set forth in its charter. The charter calls for ten passenger trains daily between the two cities and Independence, whereas now only two trains are run, and those are freight and passenger mixed.

PARK CASE PUT OFF.

No Decision on Question of Maintenance Will Be Rendered Until After Holidays.

No decision on the West park district maintenance tax suit will be rendered until after the holidays. Judge Gates announced yesterday that he had so many

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Following the rule we have observed in past seasons, that of closing out all Holiday Goods so as to have none to lay around and get soiled and take up storage space—and eventually to be sold at a sacrifice—we'll make the sacrifice now—sell you the goods when you most want them, and put a price on some articles that will make them attractive. In looking over our stocks we find some articles, for some cause or other, have not sold as readily as they should—no fault of the goods, though, for they're perfect; we'll remedy the defect by shaving the price—in some cases it's one-half of former value.

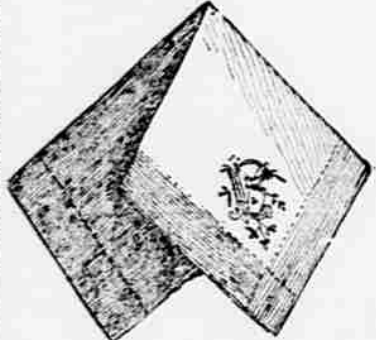
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The crowds attest to the newness and originality of the Holiday Gifts offered for men in this popular stock. We are saving money for customers on their holiday buying, this week especially so. Come early as possible and avoid the afternoon rush.

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Always popular for holiday gifts, always the best values at BERNHEIMER'S. Plain White Silk, Hemstitched at 35c, 39c, 42c, 50c, 59c, 75c, 98c, \$1.50.

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Full celluloid, embossed, fancy design and word "Handkerchiefs" decorated and colored, satin lined. Others up to \$2.50 each. \$1.00

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Tinted Celluloid, embossed fancy design and word "Neckties" decorated and colored, satin lined. Others up to \$2.50 each. \$1.50

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Full Celluloid, tinted, round shape, box embossed fancy design, top embossed open work initial, in half dozen colors, satin lined. Others up to \$2.50 each. \$1.00

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The grandest collection of new, stylish handles and reliable silks ever shown in Kansas City. We engrave initials free on all Umbrellas from \$1.50 up. 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